scraped acquaintance.

bye. See you to-mo

morrow

swept clean.

morrow.

camp checked him and he grinned.

to-morrow around this here camp, i

There it was, packed into a sen

a few months ago, but now a dough

over there. You lie in your bunk.

breathing the clean night air of the

woods, and listen. You hear another

ilence. Then the scuff, scuff, scuff

of shoes on dirt roads closer and

closer, then further and further away

locomotive whistles in the distance

night? It's the lonesomest sound!)

And in the morning ten barracks that

They smile easily enough, these me

the impression that spirits were low

back home; fellows who slanged is kidded him unmercifully last summ home; fellows who slanged and

fellows who held it almost a point of

honor never to be serious about any

And how, in those last few hours at

home, they crowded about his baby-

any baby, it seemed, for there were

one or two others. Fellows he knew and fellows he didn't, fellows who per-

haps had bables of their own and boys

who obviously hadn't every one o

them had a wave of the hand and a

Merritt. With scores of thousands of

men in camp, Jones counted fourtee

automobiles parked in the reservation

That touched him more than anything

else-he had been at Upton and seen

But these men were from Orego

Maine, Florida, Missouri. Their good

had visitors were marked and envied

men-proud, too, and almost pathetic-

geant's shoulder and weeping, careles

camp where there is no to-morrow.

WHEN TO BE BORN.

A Dim Memory of a Mighty Inquiry

Into This Important Subject.

to Be Born In" in a recent copy, I re-

Possibly some of your readers may be

St. JOHNSBURY, Vt., May 12.

TRADE BRIEFS.

Alcohol is being made in Ciudad Juarez

alcohol can be produced from one ton of

Experiments are being made in Trinidad,

Following the war there should be an excellent market in the Bradford, Eng-

land, consular district for brick making

machinery. It is planned at that time erect 150,000 to 200,000 new houses for

refer to File No. 99204. It is suggested

There is a market in England for trav

Cuba presents a market for cotton

tools and hardware specialties. The res

were sent to linglish manufacturers.

correct

the plant.

is to know you have done your best. in this country purchasing supplies.

to 55.980.914 gallons.

with him. Or maybe two

bys were said. The lucky few who

the Bunday afternoon jam there.

ally appreciative

smile for baby. They see so few a

'way off on the other side.

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TELEPHONE, BEEKMAN 2200.

Official Figures of Aviation Cost for the Current Fiscal Year.

To keep the record straight these dates, purposes and amount should be kept in mind by citizens when writing or talking about appropriations made for the Aviation Service since we entered the war:

June 15, 1917, urgent deficiency bill, production of airplanes and the Aviation Service, \$43,450,000; July 24, 1917, special bill, same purpose, \$640,-000,000: 1918, item in army appropriation bill, \$10,800,000; 1918 Aviation Service bill, \$500,000; 1918 fortifications bill, airplanes for Canal Zone, Hawaii and the Philippines. \$1,200,000. Total, \$695,950,000.

To this must be added an existing deficiency (General Squign's letter to the Secretary of the Treasury) of \$200,000,000, "and," says General SQUIER in the same letter, "in addition it is estimated that an amount totalling \$250,000,000 will be needed before the end of the present fiscal year (June 30) for the same pur-Grand total for the fiscal year, \$1,145,950,000.

The two amounts asked for by Gen eral Squies are included in the estimate letter of the Secretary of the Treasury to the President of the Senate.

.The Navy.

From the nature of the work it is doing our navy is deprived of the advantages of public recognition for its present services. It is conducting operations in association with the nava forces of the Allies, convoying army transports, and protecting merchant-Slience is essential to its success, and therefore the lips that would praise it are sealed.

But we know the navy is doing its duty, and we know that others are eware of it. Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis BAYLY's order, praising officers and i men for their "skill, energy, and unfalling good nature," issued vesterday on the first anniversary of the arrival of a United States naval force in European waters, is welcome professional testimony to the qualities that have always been characteristic of our navy, and which are particularly valuable when, as at the present moment, It must adapt itself to conditions not of its own making, but predetermined for it by others.

When the veil of secreey that now hides from us the hazardous feats and technical triumphs of the navy is lifted, we shall take new pride in it and in its personnel. The navy is doofficers, whose standard is of the highthe finest traditions of the service.

The Invitation to Spy Hunters.

Attorney-General GREGORY's invitation to all citizens to inform the United States District Attorneys, or the Department of Justice, of dis-Washington, to good results achieved complaints heretofore made. Most of the complaints received by the prosecutors have proved of little value. but enough of them have been useful to receive more of them.

the District Attorney, and subjecting strengthen her position in Russia. him to the aunoyance and humilia- Germany is now in possession of ment agent anxious to make a record. German campaign against this coun- of Finland she has extended her outtries in this way, and the Government tical method to overcome it here.

accusations against their enemies, and the hysterical to see disloyalty where none actually exists. But this danger must be recognized in the Department of Justice, and the damage done can be reduced to a minimum by the application of calm judgment and good brought to it. Unquestionably atloyalists and enemy allens to serve ence with innocent people.

Attorney-General will still some loose making a German prince ruler of a lous to perpetuate his name to suc tongues. If it does, great will be the Finnish principality. The revolts in gain therefrom for sanity and national good sense.

According to our neighbor the lans of German overlordship. World, Gronge Carri, Chairman of Ascension on Sunday evening, the subjoined questions:

"What is a loyal heart?" "Have all the members of Congress loyal hearts?"

These interrogatories are obviously silly, and if Mr. Caret had declined to waste time answering them, nobody would have blamed him. But instead of adopting this dignified course, Mr. CREEL replied to the inquiries in this fashion:

xplore intd the heart of Congress." If Mr. CREEL's answer means anygress to be a debased, ignorant body of men, politically and morally on the same level with the creatures of actual or pretended criminal occupation shown in the orders of the Governidle and heartless visitors anxious to see the "underworld" of great cities.

Mr. CREEL, as an appointee of the President, as chairman of a com-State, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, speaks in a representative character. The Administration has just succeeded in obtaining from the Congress a statute authorizing the prosecution of persons who utter words intended to bring the Government of the United States into contempt. Yet Mr. Caret in this phrase has held the Congress, one of the three departments of the Government, up to contempt.

It is unnecessary to speak of the ingratitude of such an attitude toward Congress on the part of any beneficiary of President Wilson's Administration. House and Senate alike have given to the President loyal, unquestioning support. Their conduct has in fact been marked by selfeffacement astonishing in its completeness. But in politics gratitude does not exist.

It is not inopportune, however to point out the serious injury that may he caused by loose and contumellous utterances, coming from a responsible nounced as dangerous to the welfare of the nation, and that deservedly. called for, and unjust; and if he ut- eration of the law of that State." tered them he should be compelled to retract them.

Russia's Appeal to Germany.

The mission that the Russian Aminstructed to undertake would appear on its face a hopeless task. He has been asked by the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Tchitchenin, "to try to constitutionality of Senstor Rominobtain from Berlin a cessation of son's bill? Perhaps it is the Thir- eral Gough's army had broken, were every kind of hostility." This acknowledgment of the helplessness of Ing its duty to the satisfaction of its | the Russian Government and its final determination practically to place itest; and in doing this it is upholding self at the mercy of Berlin indicates the growing discontent of the Russian United States, or any place subject to people with conditions and the increasing fear among the Bolsheviki of further appropriation of Russian territory by the German army.

The Russian Foreign Minister shows this in his statement that "caployal words and deeds among persons tures of our territory are in violation with whom they come in contact is of the state of peace with Germany, due, according to the news from and are causing great unrest among the masses of our population." This or employment," could be successfully through the investigation of private can scarcely mean that the Bol. plead the constitutional prohibition sheviki have discovered a peril that against involuntary servitude? has not already existed. When they abandoned negotiations at Brest, of the difficulty, follow the example Litovsk and left General Hofmann to of the Hon. Eugene Wood and be to make the Attorney-General anxious make his own terms, he formulated a come a law student? treaty that set forth the exactions To encourage spying is directly op- of a military conqueror. There was Rumania, the Leipzig Volkazeitung posed to the habit and desire of Amer. nothing in it that might be construed says frankly: "Altogether, this treaty feans. There is something unspeak- into mercy or consideration for a van- is no peace by understanding, but a ably repugnant in the thought that quished and helpless nation. Gerthe man sitting next to a traveller many is merely carrying out the in a railroad coach may be morbidly rights of exaction she had secured are small and weak, Germany freanalyzing every careless remark in under this treaty, and, dissatisfied quently is embarrassed by a velvet the hope that some ill considered word with the grab of territory she has glove shortage. may justify reporting its author to already made, she is determined to

tion of an interview with a Govern- the Polish provinces of Russia, Cour- return to home waters and to make land, Livonia and Esthonia on the for Helgoland Bight. Ostend and Yet we know from experience that the Baltic. Through her recent conquest Zeebrugge represent the past partitry includes a subtle attack on the posts to the Arctic Ocean. She connational morale carried on by means trols the Black Sea littoral and she which German soldiers are compelled of false reports and baseless charges has set up a military Government of to endure includes "the hardship of that are circulated by gossips, some of her own in Ukraine, the boundaries lying out in the open." At work of whom are ignorant of the parts they of which she has not yet fixed, but this sort. German diplomats are supe play for the enemy. Already great which with each mile acquired she rior to German soldiers. Lying in the barm has been done in other coun- has been pushing further northward into Central Russia.

is amply justified in using every pract. This might be expected to represent a satisfying territorial acquisi-Obviously, the appeal for help is- tion. But Germany has in reality with a smile for everybody. How please way to serious abuses. It is likely ation analogous to that which has ex-

to stir up the malicious to make false isted in the Balkans. She brings under her control as many distinct warring nationalities as there are in the Balkan region and by her aggression she has antagonized them all. In building up Ukraine she took the Polish province of Choim, and when the Poles demanded satisfaction she curtsense in the treatment of the reports by gave them to understand that Potempts will be made in the future as likely to be realized. The Lithus- the famous conduction, had that wor they have been in the past to use the nians and the Esthoniana wish a remachinery for the repression of dis- publican form of government and are to his memory. bitterly opposing the formation of private and reprehensible purposes; it their lands into Prussian provinces s to the credit of the Department of Germany has professed to acknowle Justice that such efforts have gener- edge the establishment of a republic ally failed, and its work has been in Finland in accordance with the done without unnecessary interfer- wishes of a majority of the people but at the same time she has been Perhaps the invitation issued by the conniving with the pro-Germans for Ukraine and the necessity which she felt for proclaiming military rule in George Creel's Attack on Congress. treme unpopularity among the Ukrain-

These conditions unquestionably the Committee on Public Information, show that Germany has not secured in was asked, in the course of certain re- this seized territory either the "loymarks he made at the Church of the alty or the support" of the people the design frequently advanced by the German military party that "Russia will be safely subjugated only when the German army occupies Petrograd and Moscow." That the Russians beshown in a despatch to THE Suy from Petrograd in which it was stated that Russia was in a panic over a German ultimatum regarding the occupation of these two cities. There is little "I don't like elumming, and I won't doubt that the German troops could with comparative case effect the capture of both Petrograd and Moscow. thing more than an attempt to be There is no more possibility of au smart, it means that he holds Con- effective armed resistance at either place than there has been in the occupation of other Russian territory. The utter helplessness of Russia is who were once exhibited for a fee to ment that the Russian Black Sea fleet shall make no resistance to German advance in the south and that the troops along the Ukrainian frontier shall disband so as to offer no provomittee consisting of the Secretary of cation for German advance into the Russian Republic.

That the Berlin Government will b restrained by the Russian appeal is the engine and hose company were one. doubtful. It has professed to find a In the old volunteer department there provocation for further conquests in Russia in the fact, which Berlin has the hand engines, the hose carriages and recently taken pains to send out to the world, that the cause of dissatis the opposition to her rule is due en- quantity of hose on their reels. tirely to the intrigues and connivances of the Bolsheviki leaders. That is as good an excuse as any Germany could offer for her attempt to destroy more Russian territory.

The Governor's Doubt About th Anti-Loafing Law.

In signing the Robinson anti-loafing bill Governor WRITMAN wrote a mem orandum wherein he casts a chadow upon its constitutionality:

"Although there may be some que ion as to the constitutionality of both measures [the Robinson bill and the Cowee bill], yet if any advantage, howsource, such as this of GEORGE ever small, may be obtained in the CREEL'S. If a member of Congress prosecution of the war by reason of in- 17 and Hibernia 18. were to insult, say, the Cabinet, in creased production some measure of this and should be enacted.

"I am informed that if this bill is not signed many undesirable persons The words attributed by the World will continue to come to this State from to Mr. Cheek were unwarranted, un- New Jersey in order to escape the op

Truly, it is not meet and just that n oafer should find in one State the dieness that is forbidden him at Constitution of the United States con- helps to take the edge off of my keen rebassador at Berlin, M. Jorre, has been templates the equal treatment of citi- gret that because of a wife and three zens in all the States.

What has the Governor in mind when he breathes doubt as to the teenth Amendment:

"Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for orime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the their jurisdiction."

If a man 49 years old, who has re ired with a competence after thirty years of hard work, were to be arrested on the charge that he was not "habitually and regularly engaged in some lawful, useful and recognized he is not yet 21 and has been in the war since 1914. rears of hard work, were to be ar business, profession, occupation, trade

Or would he, as an easier way out

Commenting on the new treaty with pure mailed fist peace." May not an economic reason be at the bottom o it? When dealing with nations which

Wireless warnings to German subavoid Ostend and Zeebrugge on their

summary of the discomforts open is no hardship for them.

Victory correspondence Port Byron Chronicle Several politicians have been around

COLLEONI'S STATUE.

The Trick That Was Played on the

Warrior by the Venetian Senators. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! IN your very interesting story of "The Colleon statue saved from the Hun." published in the magasine section o lish independence was a project not tude for the many wise laws made by lerful monument by Verrochio erected

> You may be interested in the follow ing correction, made not for the sake of the correction itself, but for the side light it casts upon the Venetians of the fifteenth century. Colleoni had amasse a great fortune as a paid soldier of the Venetian army. Like many other mer who have attained high place in their country's history through other than patriotic channels, Colleoni was anxceeding generations.

Venetian republic forbade the erection the country are evidences of the exthe senators who visited him upon his leave his fortune to the state on condition that a monument should be raised to his memory upon the plassa of St. Mark's something that had never been that she had proclaimed. She is Venetian senators agreed, and Colleoni's evidently contemplating following out fortune fell into their hands and the

"Hessian" warrior died in peace. The work of designing the statue was its completion. When it came to locat. ing the monument, however, the foxy section of the city, would answer the famous equestrian statue has stood since its erection in 1496, instead of were crowded yesterday are empty and upon the celebrated plazza of St Mark's Cathedral for which the ambitious and well paid old scrapper bargained. "Sie transit gloria mundi!" ROBERT FROTHINGHAM. NEW YORK, May 13.

OLD FIRE APPARATUS.

The Hand Engines, Hose Carriages

and Hook and Ladder Companies. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Some ime ago a correspondent wished infor mation concerning a branch of the old colunteer fre department of New York, his letter appearing in THE SUN. watched for a reply from some old New Yorker, but up to the present time have not seen any in your columns. The were three separate branches, namely

the hook and ladder companies. All the engines carried several lengths faction in the seized provinces and of were compelled to carry a much greater of the hose carriages were highly ornawheels. Some were really beautiful the present Government and to grab ing. A few carried large silver bells

The writer also surmised that the hoo and ladder trucks and bose carriages were combined in one apparatus. The book and ladder trucks were a dis tinct branch of the service. At first there were sixteen companies, but abou 1860 two more were added. They car and pickages. Here is a list of the Mutual 1. Chelsea 2, Phoenix 3, Eagle 4, Union 5, Lafavette 6, Mechanics 7, Empire 8, Washington 9, Narragansett Marion 13, Columbian 14, Baxter 15 Cornelius V. Anderson 16, John Decker

FRANK DUMONT. PHILADELPHIA, May 13. THE TRENCH SHOTGUN.

Eager, Who Suggested It. Wishes He Wore Using One.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! have received a copy of THE SUN of May 8 and I assure you of my appreciation of your article about my suggestion of the ome. Section 2 of Article 4 of the of the matter is certainly generous and infant children my services in the line with the first regiment of engineers from Georgia, which I understand was a part of the scratch division which held the Germans west of St. Quentin after Gen not acceptable.

I am also much pleased to learn that the War Department has asked for a considerable additional appropriation for the turning out of these guns on a larger scale, but I must admit that I had rather be able to use one of them against the Germans than be responsible for them W. G. EAGER.

VALDOSTA, Ga., May 13.

infantry have lain Midst the sodden stime of shell holes; midst the bodies of the sixin. Two long hours in a stream of death the ceaseless shells have whined On the shivering heads of the men be neath, from the thundering guns

behind. Chilled to the bone with wind and rain already each man can feel O'er the throttling warmth of his leaping Mexico, from a plant called sotol, which grows uncultivated in Mexico and southern heart the hand of the Resper steat; silent prayer from each ascends: 'Our lives and our safety rest in

the hand Of those who have tolled in another land.

The hour has come, and the khakl line has plunged in the seething hell Where the line of the barrage is plainly marked by the smoke of each burstdad's output of crude oil in 1917 amounted

Forward they go in a mighty rush like a flood which has burst a dam. To complete with rifle and bayonet the work which the guns began.

They sweep to the tortured land beyond, over pill box, trench and wire Which, bigsted, lie in a snapers.

the all pervading mire.

White clad figures burst through the smoke with tottering limbs, mazed brain, ment. A list of dealers in this district ment. A list of dealers in this district ment. A list of dealers in this district ment. Which, blasted, lie in a shapeless mass in

and Domestic Commerce, 734 Custon House, this city, to interested persons who sons in this land of terror and pain.

Have called for the shells which can save their lives and have not called in were sent to English manufacturers.

You have given the toll of your beauty: You have given your charms to the God furniture, bedding and sporting goods. of War to save the soldier lives. No medal, no ribbon, for valor or toll may goods, lie upon your breast. tools a

But a greater thing than a colored string

CAMP MERRITT.

What the Humanitarian Cult Did for Fred Jones is not an analytical person; indeed, he is rather matter of fact. But he had not been in Camp Justice. TO THE BOITOR OF THE SUN-Ser: I Merritt an hour before he felt that there was something wrong-more was with great interest that I read accurately, that there was something "Justice and the Stielow Case." missing. The feeling persisted annoy-ingly in the back of his head while he Inasmuch as through the Humani

tarian Cuit I was one of those fortunate talked to the friend he had come to ones able to assist in saving New York see. At last a big Missouri private put it into words for him. Missouri was talking to Illinois. They belonged to different regiments, but they had mixed in the fight, permit me to point clean pine board table in the kitchen "Well, Bill, I go on guard at 4. Bye Then the thought that was upper most in the mind of every man in justice to the large membership of the forget everlastingly the many times Humanitarian Cult I should like to see that "leavings" were shoved at him

STIELOW'S CASE.

I did not know Stielow personally. I did not know Stielow personally, vants entrance to a pretentious home and was asked only three days before on the high road. He will remember, "But prob'ly I won't. There ain't no the electrocution was to take place to too, the motherly concern with which agitate the question so that an opportence. Life at Camp Merritt is life in two dimensions. They arrived yesinnocent. At practically a moment's for there are some things that even notice at Medina, N. Y., I held a public a tramp can't forget, the vicarious meeting there, obtaining almost all the spirit of disdain that the gentlewoman terday; they are here to-day; torignatures for clemency of all present in transmitted to the maid servant that the audience, arranged for an appoint- waited on him. So I am vividly rea young lawyer with a good practice ment with Governor Whitman, who lis-tened to the plea for Stielow by his coun-street in Havana with my vivacious boy, \$30 per-heard the scrap of consel from a legal standpoint and mine from Letin Celtic host and his smooth versation too.
"It's eerie," he said. "You are a humaniterian standpoint. The Gov-ernor was very much irritated at this The latter sat vis-a-vis with me awakened at 2 o'clock in the morning, or maybe 3, by a bugle call, 'way off was no doubt of Stielow's guilt.

o that time taken the attitude not that not fit to be electrocuted even if guilty. believing as I do and did that the question of guilt is for the courts alone o

After being turned down by the Gov-Silence again. Then a whistle-(Do ernor, I obtained an audience with Justice Charles Guy, who granted a stay make shivers come up your spine at to enable the lawyers to draw up the papers, and after reading the papers Justice Guy granted a further stay of three weeks.

wept clean. To-morrow——"

He stopped and looked off across the wonderful panorama of the Jersey fields and orchards, shimmering after panorama of the Jersey aroused if not by public agitation, and if the quarrel that you speak of, but rain. Jones knew what he meant. Towith which I am not familiar, has morrow night, perhaps, the bugle helped to make the case a celebrated one would be for him, and he would and thereby aroused great interest in the press, and if through their influence scuff, scuff down the dirt road to the Governor Whitman commuted the senlittle station and ride a few short tence to life imprisonment, then that quarrel was a blessing indeed. Unfortumiles to the docks and cross a gangplank and be nosed away from touch nately, people are not easily aroused with his native soil by a fussy little

Most people read the sensational news, forgetting to glance at the news con sure, a day of high sacrifice, of glory, taining golden thoughts.

perhaps, at least of duty done-but no In trying to save Stielow I was in mmediate to-morrow in his home terested in the principle that the State land, perhaps not even a distant totaking of life is murder, whether by inat Merritt, But Jones heard no dividual. State or nation; and has not laughter all afternoon. He didn't get our country unfurled her banner to up hold that principle, so that in the future but the earnestness and directness of no nation will dare go to war or take the men he met quite took his breath away. He had known a few of them

The Humanitarian Cult, through me engaged all the counsel, and I per-sonally paid the large fees, and had it not been for the agitation of the man; here would have been an electrocution and justice would not have been obtained as it has now, and the State ought to be grateful to the many public spirited funds, and of that which is by far more valuable, their time and friendship, to he poor and friendless individual.

MISHA APPELBAUM. NEW YORK, May 13.

THE TITLE OF 'GENTLEMAN. An Eminent Philologue Replies to the Duke of Billingsgate.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: His Grace the Duke of Billingsgate (Philaize the columns of THE SUN to express forced to respect his reputation for an erroneous use of the salutation "Genlemen" in commercial correspondence. "The day is hot, and the weather, and tramp's most sensitive point of con- mond county rathskeller as to make the wars, and the Duke," but it is time tact is his pocket. o discourse. The Duke himself, or any of my brothers of the State, cannot but tiously from a train Matanzas is a ing torture of a man in a coffin upo

In a nook of the Hostess House a f who might see. She had journeyed, feel this wrong as 'twere their own, So, Pandora box of surprises. With all which the earth is being shovelled with lones was told, half way across the continent to see her man-four days be merciful, O duke, to men of mould suggests privation to a citizen of dian escort down tortuous paths journey, to and fro, for an afternoon and prithee go shake thine ears, for Northern vagabondia. Its narrow dodged icicies of lime and water that Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to streets, Southern languor, and the hung threateningly above me, and st For Sunday and Wednesday are be superwise." visitors' days. He may be there on In the days when Sr Francis Drake bies make impressions that the imag- drawn to earth and life. Wednesday. But no man, they say

spends two Sundays at Merritt, the and the British Parliament decreed that centaurs that infest its streets give the high lights of the afternoon ance: "Gentleman and Friend, the tryall in ruthless and primitive fashion. If I have had of thy manners . . ." you rub up against them in the streets translate me self into one of Spain (see "Euphues," 49). Again, "Gentle- of Matanzas you will find the result adventurous explorers in a wild and your editorial article on "What Month man, in the plural used as a polite the same, but the process will be more uninhabited country. Suddenly over term of address to a company of men in accordance with urban usage. They the brow of the hill a gleam of him called that some years ago I read in of whatever rank" (N. E. D., volume eye you darkly, and having gauged water attracted me. What, I thought some medical journal that some man IV., page 119).

who had investigated and studied this thing to the extent of classifying some take us to task for using a form that tion. Tramp though I was, there was Ocean if I experienced a thrill of hundreds of thousands of lives relative has been accepted standard for nearly instant recognition of my halling port, exaltation at the to the birth dates found that February three hundred and fifty years? Did and with electric swiftness the magic bay of Matanzas? It lay circling at my and September were the months "to be your Grace expect to start something born in" if one wished to live long, when you compared us with the "vulgar line. But there are other eyes than the shining mirror of a lady's dress-two months, as I recall, were the of manners, overfed, overdressed and these. They look with dark lustre ing table. birth months which showed a goodly underbred; the veriest muckers"? God from the barred windows of the number of years in favor of them as forbid, for

When Adam dalfe and Eus spans Where was then the pride of man? able to give further information as to as the famous old Hermyte of Hampull the article I speak of. Having been might well ask if he were walking the beauty of a prospect at a given travelling my road, but in a smar born in February, I am watching this earth to-day. thing with some interest, but as to

proof I can only say I have made good men of the Shade, minlous of the moon so far and it will require many years Alas and alack! Gentlemen have ever of the day hoping to reach afoot the Havana in the state of luxury that yet to persuade me that the assertion is been found in strange company-"Joshua, yourself: myself, and this gen-high on a bold eminence overlooking tleman, Judas:" Even "the prince of the town. What a mark it would darkness is a gentleman," if we are to make to-day for a Hun artillerist if it dark. The journey there had been believe the gifted author of "King Lear," were only somewhere in France! and his Grace of Billingsgate, "though he be as good a gentleman as the devil is, as Lucifer," cannot convince me that reaching my objective. I could not scure corners of the dimiy lighted car Texas. Consul E. A. Dow reports that from eighteen to twenty-five gallons of the custom referred to above is wrong. Surely the noble Duke has forgotten paddle being at hand to ferry me I re-his "Hamlet": "Good Sir," or so, or traced my steps. Buzzards flew over and I thought it the literal circum Friend or 'Gentleman,' according to the me against the blue faultlessness of stance of living and my journey of phrase." And his "Twelfth Night"- the sky and seemed to mark me as the morning as but its pomp-British West Indies, with a mineral oil substitute for coal fuel on the railways. The Legislative Council has appropriated God save you, gentleman, and you good their prey. What a chance for a I was glad that I was a tramp. Sir, for "What is he at the gate? A tramp to exist in Matanzas! Gentleman. A Gentleman? What Gen \$24,000 for this purpose, and if the tests are satisfactory further sums will probably be forthcoming. It is reported that Trinitleman? 'Tis a Gentleman here. A plague o' these pickle herring.

NEW YORK, May 13. DR. STNTAX.

Curiosity Calls. We ask for the time of the clock And ask for the score of the game Such idle demands on the wire The business important forestalls So telephone companies dire

We ask of the angels to tell The time of the end of the war, And where is the fire that befell And beg them to tell us the score. No answer returns from the sky. So mighty the work that enthralls. It may be the Central on high Has banned curlosity calls. MCLANDRURGH WILSON.

The Busy Bee. From the Buffalo Evening News. Now doth the busy little bee. With mischlerous intention.

A TRAMP GAZES DOWN THE VALLEY OF THE YUMURI.

He Enters the Dark Caves of Bellamar and Inspects Matanzas, the Place Where the Mule Was Killed.

A tramp never forgets a good meal; The heat cautioned me that even or the circumstances under which it with a record of exposure a Northern from disgrace, and inasmuch as your or the circumstances under which it tramp should not daily fearlessly reference to the fight between the was eaten. His recollection will go with a tropical climate. So I was factions that were trying to save Stielow back to the one time when he had forced finally by a smooth Cuban hot food served to him on a faultiessly with a tongue and manner as insinout to you the following, which in of an isolated farmhouse, and he will myself at the mercy of one of the centaur pirates. "Would you wish a guide?" he in a tin dish on the steps of the ser- asked persuasively. "A guide for a tramp." I exclaimed. He shrugged his shoulders. My North-ern idiom had puzzled him or he afthe countrywoman fussed to insure his comfort, and set over against it, "I have a cousin who knows all about Matanzas. He will go for the

The latter sat vis-a-vis with me eat sublic agitation and stated that there ing with gusto fried plantain, guava and the chalky white cheese of the island. Like my odd steamer ac-Stielow was innocent but that he was He knew a lot more about Matenzas;

it was his birthplace. "You must see Matanzas. It is the most beau-ti-ful city on the island," he gurgled when I expressed a wish to visit it.

"Can I walk there?" I asked. He looked at me, incredulous. It hadn't entered into his polite calculation that he was lunching with a

"Walk? Why, even peasants ride horseback, as you know. It is fifty miles to Matanzas." "What has Matanzas to offer that

makes it worth while for a tramp to go there?" I asked with the purpose of tipping him off as to my intrinsic right to be at table with him. "Why, much. The Bellamar cave, the church of Monserrat—that is fa-

mous-the Yumuri valley, and the town," he exclaimed as a man will who is putting the finishing touch to a catalogue of wonders.

It is odd how the circumstance of nativity will warp men. Had I told him that New Brighton, Staten Island, was the peer of Matanzas, Cuba, and that the Bellamar cave was hopelessly should be the teacher, and should be the outclassed by a rathakeller of Richmond county, he would undoubtedly known the cool comfort of a subterranean resort on the little emerald island of our harbor, and I had not prejudiced without being aware of it. I took his direction, however, to

Matanzas. He impressed on me that only Cuban politicians and wealthy travellers went first class. I began to think that he had a dawning perception of my real social status. I was chatting with a business man

of the island who had once been a Pullman car conductor in the United States as the train rolled Matanzasward when the conductor demanded "This is a third class ticket," he

said, examining it.

"And this is a first class coach," he explained with short precision. He paid no attention to my evident embarrassment. My fellow traveller had taken me for a gentleman. I was

way. I dug down in my jeans and fered for a brief space in the electriproduced the extra fare. It hurt, A cally lighted cavern, so unlike a Richabate thy manly rage and have patience: of Cuba's tropic fecundity, though, it a dull thud. I followed my half In-

was engaged in sailing round the world, ination has not anticipated. The lazy After the semi-darkness of the cave householders having lands or goods one the notion that if you were to blinded me. I tramped over an inter worth five hundred pounds shall have a meet the same combination of man | vening field with an upland rise. The Bible in the home for family instruc- and horse in the fastnesses of Cuban tion." John Lyly addressed an acquaint- mountains you would be robbed the nettles clung to my trousers. It the possibilities presented they pass must have been the sensation Why, O thou son of a fishwife, why the word along in muttered sugges- Balboa when he first saw the Pacifithese. They look with dark lustre ing table,

high on a bold eminence overlooking passage on a Cuban railroad.
the town. What a mark it would When I reached the capital it was I found that one of the rivers that with soldiers and peasants, crying separate the town blocked me from children, soothing mothers, and in ch swim, and no Cuban with barque and cooing and nestling lovers. paddle being at hand to ferry me I re- tense with the electric current of life.

MUNICIPAL SPANKING.

Police Matron Cooper's Suggestion Stimulates Imaginations.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: With eference to Mrs. Cooper's suggestion as taken to the station house from all night erty loans were subscribed by Indiana restaurants by the police, with one In one district in Oklahoma it is velittle improvement her proposition is a ported that the Indians of the digood one. Instead of sending these kids | Red Cross and they are urging 1045 tome to beg off, why not have the spank- all the white people should belong all ing performed right in the matron's room when we will be with the war," writes either by the mother or the matron, if "Indian and white must take the the mother refuses? The knowledge of a cross" Tribes in every section has spankery in every station house would been making contributions of money of o as much as anything to keep these work. kids in the house at reasonable hours. Besides, in many cases both mother and is good for daughter might not harm were therefore not subject to draft, b CRANKY CUSS. NEW YORK, May 18.

"For the ride?" I asked. "And a half peso." He smiled ingratiatingly. Half a peso! The price looked at-ractive. So the cousin, who later tractive. So the cousin, who later described himself as a seaman who had deserted his ship to visit his quated landaulet. He was red headed

Manhattan, he told me, and he asked ne to take a message to her. "Will you tell her that Peter won't come back? She's a nice girl. May be he will like you."

and looked for all the world like a

Happy Hooligan of the type New York

s familiar with. He had a girl in

Peter bought oranges for me and cattered Cuban fractional coin among the nude urchins who ran over the cobbles of the narrow street in the wake of the carriage almost to Monserrat.

From the vantage of the church's location you may view the richly tinted valley of the Yumuri. It fills the eye as would the clever blending of pigment made by a talented painter. In the distance you spy the thatched cottage of a native. Protecting all like a benison is a stillness that reminds you of the muttered lip service in a church as you listen to a priest droning about the peace of God.

From the church my Happy Hooli-Spanish merchant in one of the parrow streets of the town. What could bright stuffs that make the dark beauties of the Antilles an animated flower garden? And what incentive is there for a tramp to buy from a male Cuban. stock until he laid on the counter a suit of pink pajamas. Pink pajamas in yet seen the boasted stalactites of his cal if I could only fall into the hands amous cave. Yet each of us was of the police. So I bought them on the may be that they aren't constables in purchase a third class passage to Cuba-discovering them and weaving a sage detective theory around my gaudy night clothes and myself.

We left the shop and went in the glory of a Cuban afternoon past a cluster of summer cottages on the shore of a bay and then up a hill on the outskirts of the city. The vast tation of sisal stretched for hundreds of acres along the glowing aunlit road that lay before us on the way to the Bellamar cave.

I don't know how a prosperous traveller would feel at being buried alive. But a tramp's love of air and the bare prospect of being even mo-mentarily robbed of them. So as I went down the shaft a queer sensation of extinction seized me. What if I There was only one should never come up again? I sufme marvel at my Cuban acquaintance's darksome visages of half breed cab- last reached the shaft again and was

tall grass swished as I progressed and needed but a slight mental effort to "Americano" was flashed down the feet and looked for all the world like

Matanzas was but a pulsating memory when I set out afoot for the My Cuban acquaintance had told railroad station on my return fourne me that the town was divided in three to Havana, My merchant acquair parts by two rivers. He indicated ance of the morning, who was again point. A native, though, always sees rig, spied me and invited me to a sea: What ho, Diana's foresters, Gentle- his home con amore, so I missed the beside him. I dodged him at the stapoint. Instead, I tramped in the heat tion and rode the fifty odd miles to church of Monserrat. It is perched tramp is sure to find in a third class

made on the board seats of a coac

FINDLAY SACKETT

INDIANS ARE PATRIOTS. They Buy Bonds, Enlist and Serve

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs s quoted as stating that more than o spanking those young women who are \$7,500,000 of the first and second Lintrict without exception belong to the

Several thousand Indians have ju the army and navy. Many who were daughter are equally culpable, and what registered proved to be non-citizens and

they waived their exemption rights and went.